

Square Form

$$y = a(x + b)^2 + c$$

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Recap from eLearning Module

Basic Example

Rearrange this Quadratic in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$

$$x^2 + 6.5x - 11$$

$$x^2 + 6.5x + 10.5625 - 11 - 10.5625$$

$$(x^2 + 6.5x + 10.5625) - 21.5625$$

$$(x + 3.25)^2 - 21.5625$$

Advanced Example

Express the following Quadratic in the form
 $y = a(x + b)^2 + c$

$$y = 3x^2 - 11x + 5$$

$$y = 3\left(x^2 - \frac{11}{3}x + \frac{5}{3}\right)$$

$$y = 3\left(x^2 - \frac{11}{3}x + \frac{121}{36} + \frac{5}{3} - \frac{121}{36}\right)$$

$$y = 3\left(\left(x - \frac{11}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{61}{36}\right)$$

$$y = 3\left(x - \frac{11}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{61}{12}$$

Applications

Applications of Square Form $(x + a)^2 + b$

Algebra

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 12$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 - 12 - 4$$

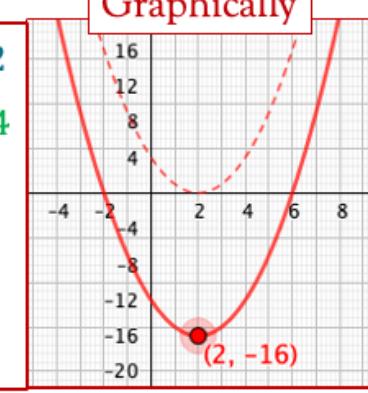
$$(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 16$$

$$(x - 2)^2 - 16$$

Minimum Point:

$$(2, -16)$$

Graphically



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Exam Papers

Ex.1: 2017 Leaving Cert

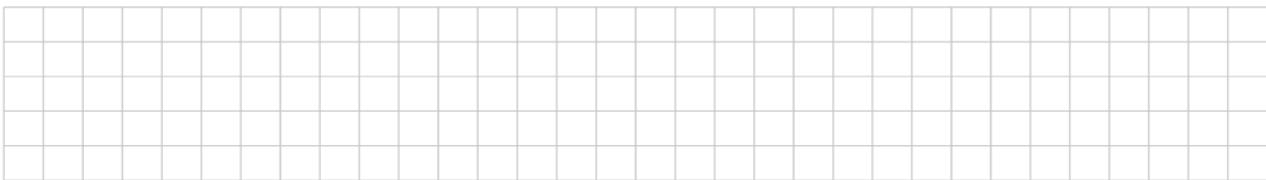
Question 1

(25 marks)

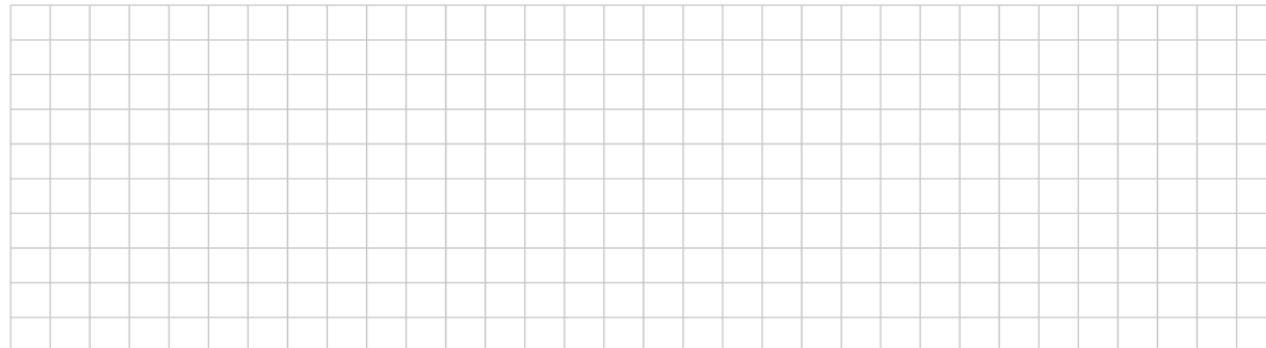
- (a) Write the function $f(x) = 2x^2 - 7x - 10$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$, in the form $a(x + h)^2 + k$, where a, h , and $k \in \mathbb{Q}$.



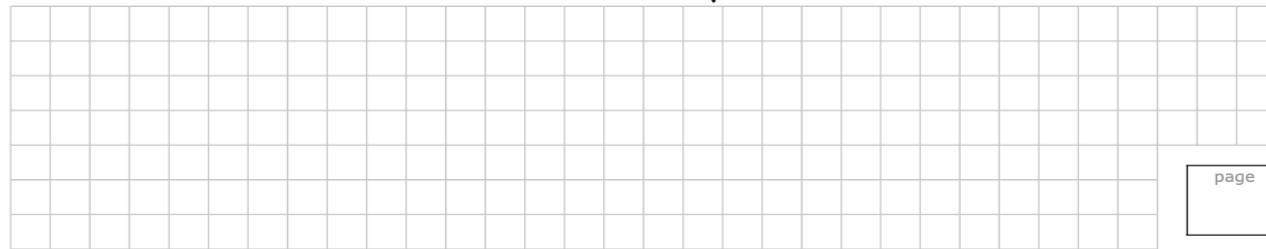
- (b) Hence, write the minimum point of f .



- (c) (i) Explain why f must have two real roots.



- (ii) Write the roots of $f(x) = 0$ in the form $p \pm \sqrt{q}$, where p and $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.



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Ex. 2: DEB 2020

Question 5**(25 marks)**

- (a) The quadratic function f is defined as $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 9$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (i) Find the range of values of x for which $f(x) > 12$.

- (ii) Find the set of values of k for which $f(x) = kx$ has no real roots.

- (iii) Write $f(x)$ in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$,

and hence find the largest value of $\frac{1}{f(x)}$.

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Ex. 3: DEB 2016

Question 2**(25 marks)**

The functions f and g are defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ as

$$\begin{aligned}f: x &\mapsto 1 - x && \text{and} \\g: x &\mapsto 2x^2 - 9.\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Given that the function $h(x) = g \circ f(x)$, show that $h(x) = 2x^2 - 4x - 7$.

- (b) (i) Express $h(x)$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are constants.

- (ii) Hence, or otherwise, find the co-ordinates of the turning point of the function $h(x)$.

- (c) The function $k(x)$ is the image of $h(x)$ under a translation. The co-ordinates of the turning point of $k(x)$ are $(-1, -5)$. Find $k(x)$.

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